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SUBJ: UNHCR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF CAPTIVE AMERICANS AND
BODIES OF TWO MARINES

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1. APPROPRIATE POINTS FROM REFTEL WERE CONVEYED TO HAN,
AND TEXT OF DAWSON UPI ARTICLE PASSED TO HIM, JUNE 19
SHORTLY BEHOFRE HIS SCHEDULED DEPARTURE FOR HANOI.

2. HAN ASSURED US HE WOULD CONTINUE TO DO WHAT HE COULD
REGARDING BAN ME THUOT CAPTIVES AND THEIR MAIL, AND
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REGARDING CASE OF JAMES F. LEWIS AS WELL. HE SAID

WITHOUT HESITATION THAT, IN EVENT OF THEIR RELEASE,
"I'LL GET THEM OUT."

3. HAN AGAIN STRESSED NEED TO AVOID PUBLICITY REGARDING
HIS OR OTHER UNHCR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF CAPTIVES OR TO
RECOVER AND TRANSPORT REMAINS OF TWO MARINE GUARDS. HE
WAS ASSURED THAT WE UNDERSTOOD AND SHARED HIS CONCERN.

4. FINALLY, HAN STATED THAT CASELLA WOULD BE COMING FROM
GENEVA TO TAKE CHARGE OF SAIGON UNHCR OFFICE WHILE HE
HIMSELF TAKES CHARGE OF HANOI OFFICE. PENDING
CASELLA'S ARRIVAL, HAN SAID HE MIGHT MAKE BRIEF TRIP TO
SAIGON THIS WEEKEND, PROBABLY TRANSITTING VIENTIANE ON
UNHCR CONTRACT AIRCRAFT BECAUSE PRG'S AIR TRAVEL ARRANGE-
MENTS HAVE PROVEN LESS THAN DEPENDABLE. HE WILL CONTACT
US AGAIN, HOWEVER, ONLY WHEN HE HAS NEW AND CONCRETE
INFORMATION.
CHAPMAN UNQTE KISSINGER

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